EPI Update for Friday, June 14, 2013 Center for Acute Disease Epidemiology (CADE) lowa Department of Public Health (IDPH)

Items for this week's EPI Update include:

- Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus
- Doxycycline shortage
- CDC releases new H7N9 testing recommendations
- Meeting announcements and training opportunities

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus

55 laboratory-confirmed cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-Co V) have been reported to the World Health Organization (WHO). No cases have been reported in the United States. The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is working closely with WHO to understand the public health risk. For recommendations and guidance on MERS-Co V, visit www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/MERS/index.html.

Doxycycline shortage

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has released an update on the doxycycline shortage initially reported in January, 2013. Some manufacturers continue to report a shortage of doxycycline in some forms and doses. For additional information, visit www.fda.gov/DrugSafety/DrugShortages/default.htm.

CDC releases new H7N9 testing recommendations

The CDC has issued new recommendations for specimen collection, processing and testing for patients that may be infected with influenza H7N9. As of June 3, 2013, more than 130 cases of human infection with H7N9 have been reported in mainland China and Taiwan. No cases have been reported in the United States at this time. For information on testing, visit www.cdc.gov/flu/avianflu/h7n9/specimen-collection.htm.

Meeting announcements and training opportunitiesNone

Have a healthy and happy week!

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